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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Intelligence Subcommittee on
Narcotics

SUBJECT : Status of Narcotics Requirements and Responses

REFERENCE : Status of Narcotic Requirements and Responses
28 October 1971 (HRG-249/71 C)

1. The reference status report was concerned principally with the transmission of the first basic requirements on narcotics to the collectors and to the collectors initial responses. With some exceptions, most collectors indicated that their early responses were preliminary and that they planned to respond more completely as more information became available. Considerable reporting has now been received. Considering the newness of the intelligence subject to most collectors the reporting may be characterized as suprisingly responsive to the expressed needs. The closing of a number of gaps in information now permits a sharper focusing of requirements on key narcotic related intelligence objectives. To realize the potential intelligence gains in this context, the extant requirements have been or are being reviewed to make certain that the most sophisticated and relevant intelligence guidance is being made available to the collectors.

2. The review of the Southeast Asia and Far East requirements resulted in a new version of the Narcotic Price Requirement, a draft of a new requirement on Thailand, and one on wholesale heroin stocks in Vientiane, Bangkok and upland Thailand. The last requirement, which concerns possible attempts to sell large stocks of unsold heroin held in Laos and Thailand to international traffickers, was based on price information obtained as a result of the Narcotics Price requirement.

3. Since the last status report, approximately ten additional requirements have been levied on countries in the Near East and South Asia. With one exception, these requirements were for specific information levied on single collectors. The majority of the

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requirements were levied to fill gaps in information for research projects underway; five of them were in connection with a project on India. The one exception; a requirement which has not been fully coordinated, concerns the movement by truck from Turkey of morphine base to France and Germany.

4. Several weeks ago the NEA Interagency Narcotics Committee, with the approval of the Intelligence Subcommittee, began to review the early requirements on Near East and South Asian countries. This review has reached the point where contributions for the revision of the NEA requirements are reasonably well in hand. Final coordination and issuance of the requirements is anticipated in early March.

5. CIA analysts plan to meet during the week of 14 February to revise the narcotics requirements on Latin America and initial steps have been taken to update the European requirements with both areas expected to be completed within the next few weeks.

6. In all cases the revised basic requirements will be coordinated with the BNDD and the Department of State.


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